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Filed: January 29, 2001)	Examiner: Menefee, James A
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For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND)	Mail Stop RCE
LASER DIODE CHIP)	

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

The listed document was cited in an Official Action from the Chinese Patent Office in a counterpart Chinese patent application. A copy of the Chinese Official Action, together with an English-language translation of the same, is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The listed document is in a non-English language. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English-language Abstract, the drawings, and from the citation in Chinese Official Action.

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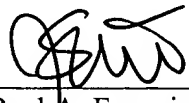
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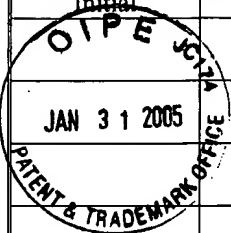
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